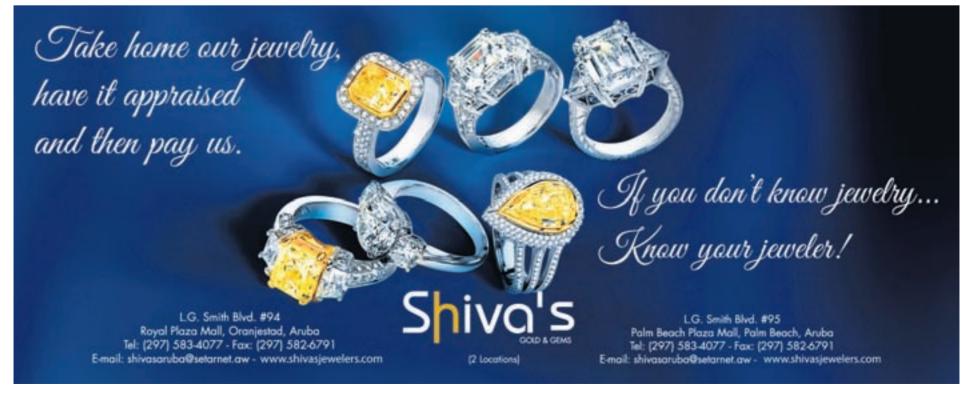
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Newly elected House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., speaks in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015.

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Frustrated Republicans contemplate changes to debate setup

STEVE PEOPLES Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican candidates frustrated by their party's presidential debates are contemplating changes to those remaining on the nomination calendar, even beyond the party chairman's decision to suspend a partnership with NBC News and its properties on a debate set for February. The complaints prompted a private meeting Sunday night in Washington, organized by Ben Carson's campaign, with representatives from more than a dozen campaigns expected to attend. Yet it seemed unlikely that the campaigns would reach a consensus, given their competing needs, and even Carson's campaign expected the meeting to achieve "abso-

The most recent debate, moderated by CNBC in Boulder, Colorado, on Wednesday night, drew the harshest criticism. Afterward, some candidates complained that the guestions were not substantive enough; others wanted more air time or the

lutely nothing."

and closing statements.

"We need to mature in the way that we do these debates if they're going to be useful to the American people," retired neurosur-

chance to deliver opening The push-back comes despite a high-profile effort by the Republican National Committee to improve the debate process going into the 2016 election season. The party said the 2012 de-

RNC dramatically reduced the number of debates for this election and played a leading role in coordinating network hosts and even moderators, in some cases.

candidates, so for 2016, the contest, the lowa caucuses on Feb. 1; the next one is scheduled for Nov. 10 in Las Vegas. The RNC has sanctioned five debates after the caucuses.

While organizers of the meeting were not including the RNC, the party has been in regular communication with campaigns about their concerns.

"This is the first step in the process of understandina what the candidates want. and then we need to have a more specific conversation about NBC," RNC chief strategist Sean Spicer said Sunday when asked about the meeting. "We need to start a process. Tonight's the first step."

Second-tier contenders such as South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham want to be featured alongside their higher-profile rivals. Some candidates, including Carson, are pressing for a greater focus on substance, more notice of the guidelines and perhaps fewer future debates.

Some candidates are trying to use the debate discord to their advantage none more than Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.□



Donald Trump, center, makes a point as Marco Rubio, left, and Ben Carson look on during the CNBC Republican presidential debate at the University of Colorado, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, in Boulder, Colo.

Associated Press

"This Week."

geon Carson told ABC's bate schedule promoted Three debates remain betoo much fighting among fore the first nomination

Ryan: No comprehensive immigration overhaul with Obama

(AP) House Speaker Paul Ryan on Sunday ruled out a comprehensive overhaul of the immigration system while President Barack

Obama is in office.

The new leader of the Republican-controlled House said in several interviews Sunday that he will not work with Obama because the president went around Congress with an executive order to shield from deportation millions of people living here illegally. "I don't think we can trust the president on this issue," Ryan said on NBC's "Meet the Press'' and other programs. "I do not believe we should advance comprehensive immigration legislation with a president who has proven himself untrustworthy on this issue." The decision puts off any

prospect of addressing a

tion overhaul until at least tial race and Obama's

comprehensive immigra- 2017 — after the presiden-



In this Feb 25, 2010, file photo, President Barack Obama, right, shakes hands with Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., at Blair House in Washington before the health care summit. From left, are, Kline, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn. and the president. For years, Obama and newly-elected House Speaker Ryan have been political foes and occasional policy allies. **Associated Press**

departure from office. It leaves the legislation stalled in the House and without a chance of being revived in the Senate.

For Ryan, the move removes the prospects of a clash with the same House conservatives who made former Speaker John Boehner's life difficult and helped push Boehner into retirement. Ryan was a proponent of the stalled comprehensive immigration bill, and conservatives had been concerned that he would try to revive it as speaker.What concerns Ryan, he said on "Fox News Sunday," is the congressional Republicans' focus on tactics, rather than what he called, "vision."

"We have none," Ryan said. "We have to have a vision and offer an alternative to this country so that they can see that if we get

a chance to lead, if we get the presidency, and if we keep Congress, this is what it will look like. This is how we'll fix the problems that working families are facing."

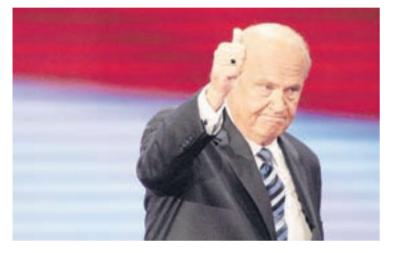
Clashing with Obama over an issue as complex and volatile as comprehensive immigration reform, Ryan suggested, is not helpful for the party now.

He said it's possible to get smaller immigration-related policy passed.

"If we believe and have consensus on things like border enforcement and interior security, then fine," he said on ABC's "This Week."Obama issued directives a year ago that gave temporary relief from deportation to about 4 million immigrants in the country illegally, along with permits authorizing them to work in the U.S.







In this Sept. 2, 2008, file photo, former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., gives thumbs up after speaking at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Associated Press

Former Sen. Fred Thompson, had TV and film roles, dead at 73

LUCAS L. JOHNSON II Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Fred Thompson, a folksy former Republican U.S. senator from Tennessee who appeared in feature films and television including a role on "Law & Order," died Sunday, his family said. He was 73.

Thompson, at 6-foot-6 (1.98-meters) with a boom-

ing voice, appeared in at least 20 motion pictures. His credits include "In the Line of Fire," "The Hunt for Red October," "Die Hard II" and "Cape Fear." By the early 1990s, Thompson said he had become bored with his 10-year stint in Hollywood and wanted to go into public service. That's when he headed back to Nashville and launched his Senate campaign.

The family statement said Thompson died Sunday in Nashville following a recurrence of lymphoma. It added he was surrounded by his family. "It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of grief that we share the passing of our brother, father and grandfather who died peacefully in Nashville," the statement added. "Fred was the same man on the floor of the Senate, the movie studio, or the town square of ... his home."

Thompson, a lawyer, alternated between politics and acting much of his adult life. Once regarded as a rising star in the Senate, he retired from that seat when his term expired in January 2003, saying he didn't have the drive for another term.

heart for another six-year term," Thompson said in a written statement at the time. "Serving in the Senate has been a tremendous honor, but I feel that I have other priorities that I need to attend to."

However, he returned to politics in 2007 by announcing that he would seek the Republican presidential nomination. Dogged by accusations he was not a hard worker, he dropped out in January 2008 after faring poorly in the early caucuses and primaries.

"I hope that my country and my party have benefited from our having made this effort," Thompson said. After leaving the race, he campaigned extensively for presidential nominee John McCain, then sought support to become chairman of the Republican National Committee but quit that quest after a few months. Thompson took stock of his life after the January 2002 death of his daughter, Elizabeth Thompson Panici, 38, following an accidental prescription drug overdose.

Thompson's rise to the Senate was atypical. He had never before held public office, but he overwhelmingly won a 1994 special election for Democrat Al Gore's old Senate seat after connecting with voters. In 1996 he easily won a six-year term. Thompson's key prop was a red pickup truck that he used to crisscross the state throughout the campaign. In the end, "I simply do not have the Thompson captured 60 percent of the vote against then-Democratic Rep. Jim Cooper. "He's got a little pizzazz, he's got a sense of purpose and he's got an independent streak," Republican Lamar Alexander said shortly after winning election to succeed Thompson in the Senate.





Last person jailed in Waco biker shooting to be released



behind restaurant tables and crawl on the floor to escape the gunfire.

The release comes nearly six weeks after AP reviewed more than 8,800 pages of evidence related to the May 17 confrontation, including police reports, viewed dash-cam video and photos and listened to audio interviews,

which together offer the best insight yet into how the shootout unfolded. Some of this evidence, also including photos of weapons recovered at the scene, is expected to be presented to a grand jury.

Investigators have offered scant details about what sparked the fight or how the gunfire played out, and no one has been charged

with any of the deaths.

In a 430-page Texas Department of Public Safety report reviewed by The Associated Press, Pilkington told investigators interviewing the injured that he did not fire a gun.

Battey, who was shot in the arm, said "I may have fired a gun, I don't know."

On Friday, Battey's attorney, Seth Sutton, filed a motion to have the ex-Marine's ankle monitor removed and the condition that he not speak with any bikers lifted.

According to the motion, Battey's attacker first fired his gun at Ray Allen, who was among those killed, before pointing his gun and firing at Battey's chest. Battey raised his arm to deflect the bullet.

Associated Press FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— The last person jailed in connection with a deadly shootout among bikers and police outside a Waco restaurant was poised to be released from jail, more than five months after authorities rounded up 177 people from the crime scene and initially held them on \$1 million bonds on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity. A Waco jail this weekend was processing the release of Marcus Pilkington, 38, on a \$50,000 bond but his attorney says he may not be released until Monday. His bond would be a sharp contrast with the first biker to be released, Jeff Battey, 51, who posted \$1 million three days after the shooting. Both men were injured in the melee.

say arose from an apparent confrontation between the Bandidos and the Cossacks motorcycle clubs.

More than 430 weapons were recovered from the crime scene, including 151 firearms.

The gunfire erupted shortly before a meeting of a coalition of motorcycle clubs that advocates for rider safety.

Dashboard video of the scene shows people fleeing as shots ring out. Audio reveals police threatening to shoot people if they rise from the ground and photos of bodies lying in pools of blood in the restaurant parking lot.

The Associated Press on Saturday published surveillance video and photos from the Twin Peaks restaurant where the shooting occurred. CNN first aired the Nine people died and 20 video Thursday. The video were injured during the shows one biker pointing









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U.S. Episcopal Church installs first black leader

JULIET LINDERMAN **Associated Press**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, installed Sunday as the first black leader of the U.S. Episcopal Church, urged Episcopalians to evangelize by crossing divides of race, education and wealth.

Curry used the example of his own mother being given Communion at a white Episcopal parish before desegregation, and how that act persuaded his father to join the denomination, and eventually become a priest.

"God has not given up on the world and God is not finished with the Episcopal Church yet," Curry said, during a joyous ceremony in the Washington National Cathedral.

Curry, 62, succeeds Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was the first woman in the job and is ending her nineyear term. He served about 15 years as leader of the Diocese of North Carolina before he was overwhelmingly elected last summer to the top church post. He grew up in Buffalo, New York, and earned degrees from Hobart College in Geneva, New York, and Yale Divinity School.

The New York-based denomination was the church of many Founding Fathers and now has about 1.9 million members. Episcopalians now are struggling



Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry gives thumbs up as he arrives at the Washington National Cathedral, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, in Washington.

with shrinking membership and ongoing tensions with fellow Anglicans around the world over the Episcopal support for gay marriage. Curry will represent the U.S. church in January, at a meeting of national

that symbolizes the ushering of a new leader into its halls, both physical and metaphorical. Jefferts Schori passed her staff to Curry, transferring the responsibility of leadership. Those assembled in the cathedral erupted in cheers.

"It is an understatement to say we live in a deeply complex and difficult time in the life of the world," Curry said. "This is a time when again it is an understatement to say there are challenges before the church and communities of faith. This is a time of difficulty

and hardship for many. A time of goodness and joy for others. And a time when we must even find ways to save the Mother Earth, who is the mother of us all."

Associated Press

Curry's historic installation comes at a time when fewer Americans than ever are affiliating with a religious group, and the Episcopal Church and other liberal Protestant groups, along with some conservative churches, have been strugalina with dwindlina membership. Curry has said he hopes to raise visibility of the church in "positive and genuine ways" and focus on recruiting newcomers to the order.

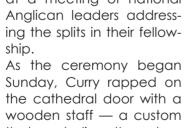
Curry also takes over at a time of increased focus on racial issues in America and the Episcopal Church. In 2008, Jefferts Schori held a national service of repentance to apologize for the church's complicity with slavery, segregation and racism. Curry has said that he will continue to grapple with the church's past.

Curry told those in the cathedral that, "evangelism is sharing the faith that's in you, and listening and learning from the faith that's in someone else," he said.

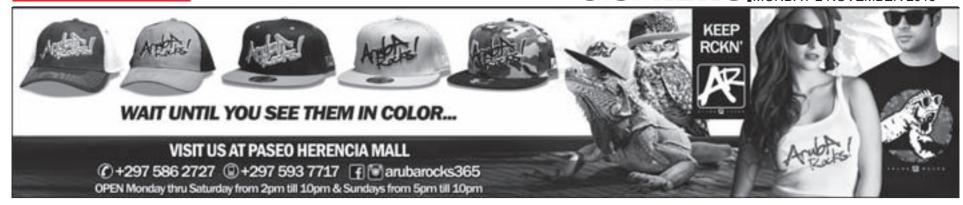
"It's about listening and sharing, it's a relationship where God can get in the mix," he said.

He described how his father reacted when he and his mother had been allowed to drink from the same chalice being passed among white parishioners.

"He was dumbfounded," Curry said. "Years later he would say he joined the Episcopal Church because he really hadn't imagined that could happen in America, He said, any church where blacks and whites drink out of the same cup knows something about the Gospel I want to be a part of."a







3 dead, 4 injured in NYC Halloween crash

MICHAEL BALSAMO Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators of a horrific Halloween crash that killed three people including a 10-year-old girl are looking at whether a medical problem may have caused a motorist to smash into a group of costumed revelers in New York City, police said Sunday.

The car jumped a curb in the Bronx on Saturday evening, leaving behind mangled bodies and bloodied costumes as neighbors ran to help. Police were examining whether the driver may have suffered a medical emergency, such as a

A 65-year-old grandfather, Louis Perez, suffered severe head trauma and died at the scene, police said. His granddaughter, 10-yearold Nyanna Aquil, was pronounced dead at a hospital. The girl's 3-year-old sister was also hospitalized. Another man, 24-yearold Kristian Leka, was also killed. His 9-year-old sister and a 21-year-old female friend were also injured but not critically.

A black Dodge Charger being driven by a 52-yearold man plowed into the pedestrians on a sidewalk and then smashed through a fence in front of a home, police said. The driver was taken to the hospital in stable condition. No charges had been announced as of Sunday afternoon, po-

Nyanna's mother, Natalia Perez, told the Daily News that her father had been taking her daughters for some extra Halloween fun. "It was all because my dad wanted to take my girls for a second round of trick-ortreating," she said. "Isn't that crazy? I had already taken the girls earlier."



First responders examine an automobile after its driver lost control and plowed into a group of trick-or-treaters in New York, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015.

Associated Press

Witnesses described hearing a loud boom, followed by screaming and crying, then seeing a trail of mangled bodies in crumpled, bloodied costumes.

"I saw a torso on the sidewalk. I didn't know if it was a Halloween dummy or member the victims.

a real person," neighbor Fabio Cotza told the New York Post. "I just grabbed a whole bunch of towels and ran outside."

Hours after the crash, neighbors gathered for a small candleliaht viail to re-

Witnesses describe gunman's rampage in Colorado Springs

SADIE GURMAN Associated Press COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — Witnesses on Sunday described a terrifying scene on the streets of Colorado Springs, where a gunman armed with a rifle shot and killed three people before being fatally shot in a gunbattle with

Authorities have released few details about Saturday morning's shooting in broad daylight. The suspect and victims have not been identified, and police are looking for a motive.

A neighbor, Teresa Will-7-year-old son heard three loud gunshots and saw a bicyclist lying face down in the street, his legs mangled bike.

"His last words were 'Please God, no,'" she said. "He was just at the wrong place

at the wrong time."

A neighbor, Naomi Bettis, who lives across the street, said she saw a man in a green jacket with a rifle, walking down the street. She saw him go into a house across the street, and come out with a handgun. She said the man headed down the block, and the bicyclist came up. Bettis said the bicyclist begged for his life, but the gunman kept shooting.

Bettis said the bicyclist collapsed outside a house. She later placed a bouquet of flowers, a candle and a note where the biingham, said she and her cyclist was slain, saying "My thoughts are with you. Praying for the family. I'm sorry for your loss."

Matt Abshire, 21, told the and still intertwined in his Colorado Springs Gazette he looked outside his apartment window and saw a man shoot someone with a rifle. 🔲



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Searchers locate wreckage believed to be El Faro cargo ship

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The operation to recover the voyage data recorder from wreckage believed to be the cargo ship El Faro may take up to 15 days, depending on weather and sea conditions, federal officials have said.

Investigators still have to confirm that the wreckage found with sonar Saturday in 15,000 feet of water east of the Bahamas is the El Faro, which went missing Oct. 1 during Hurricane Joaquin. All 33 crewmembers on board were lost.

If the vessel is confirmed as the El Faro, a remotely operated, deep ocean vehicle called CURV-21 will use a video camera to document the wreckage and debris field, as well as attempt to locate and re-



In this Oct. 24, 2015, photo, contractors and Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Neverosky retrieve and secure the tow pinger locater aboard the USNS Apache.

Associated Press



cover the data recorder—the ship's "black box" that could yield clues as to what happened to the 790-foot ship.

"Those operations are expected to take up to 15 days to complete in ideal conditions but could take depending weather and conditions encountered during the documentation process," U.S. National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Peter Knudsen said in a statement late Saturday. The CURV-21 is designed to work up to a maximum depth of 20,000 feet of seawater, according to the Navy. The El Faro was reported missing east of the Bahamas, and it apparently came to rest at a depth greater than the final resting place of the Titanic, which lies over 12,500 feet down in the north Atlantic. The depth may complicate the search of the El Faro's wreckage.

When the World War II-era German battleship Bismark was found in 1989 about 15,700 feet down, the impact of hitting the ocean floor drove the bottom deck up about one level into the vessel, and compressing water inside the ship blew out plating on its hull, Sean Kery, a hydrodynamicist who co-chairs a marine forensic committee for the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineering, told The Florida Times-Union.

Other experts told the newspaper that without the recorder or the wreckage,

investigators would have to rely on observations from people connected to the ship, such as crew who were on vacation or quit recently or contractors who examined or worked on the ship's equipment, or on paperwork, such as Coast Guard inspection reports or surveys by the American Bureau of Shipping, which keeps data on ship design and safety.

The El Faro's captain called in before the vessel disappeared saying the ship had lost its engine power during its voyage from Jackson-ville, Florida, to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The captain, Michael Davidson, said the ship was listing, and taking on water.

An extensive Coast Guard after El Faro disappeared found only floating debris and one body in a survival suit

The El Faro was scheduled for retirement from Caribbean duty and for new retrofitting for service between the West Coast and Alaska, company officials have said. Both the El Faro and its sister ship were slated to be replaced by two new ships. Aboard when it disappeared were five engineers from Poland, who were working on the retrofitting as the ship sailed to Puerto Rico.



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Official: Russian jet broke up at high altitude over Egypt

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SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — The Russian jetliner that crashed shortly after takeoff from an Egyptian resort city broke up at high altitude, scattering fragments of wreckage over a wide area in the Sinai Peninsula, Russia's top aviation official said Sunday as search teams raced to recover the bodies of the 224 people who died.

Meanwhile in Russia, an outpouring of grief gripped the historic city of St. Petersbura, home of many of the victims. President Vladimir Putin declared a nationwide day of mourning, and flags flew at half-staff.

Aviation experts joined the searchers in a remote part of the Sinai, seeking any clues to what caused the Metrojet Airbus A321-200 to plummet abruptly from 31,000 feet just 23 minutes after it departed from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh bound for St. Petersburg.

Aviation experts and the search teams were combing an area of 16 square kilometers (more than 6 square miles) to find bodies and pieces of the jet.

By midday, 163 bodies had been recovered, according to the Egyptian government.

Some of the dead were expected to be flown to Russia later Sunday.

of mourners brought flowers, pictures of the victims, stuffed animals and paper planes to the city's airport. Others went to churches and lit candles in memory of the dead.

Elena Vikhareva had no relatives aboard the flight, but she went with her son to lay flowers, saying that pain was "piercing" her heart. Vladimir Povarov and a

friend did the same, explaining that they couldn't "remain indifferent."

The large area over which fragments were found indicates that the jet disintegrated while flying high, said Alexander Neradko. head of Russia's federal aviation agency. He would not comment on any possible reason for the crash, citing the ongoing investigation.

Neradko was in Egypt to inspect the crash site along with Russia's ministers of emergencies and transport.

Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov thanked Egyptian authorities for their help and said work on analyzing the data and cockpit voice recorders had not yet begun.

An Egyptian ground service official who carried out a preflight inspection of the plane said the aircraft appeared to be in good shape. Speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, he In St. Petersburg, hundreds said he was a member of a

technical inspection team that included two Russians.

"We are all shocked. It was a good plane. Everything checked out in 35 minutes," the official told The Associated Press on Sunday. The closest the plane came to being in trouble, he said, was three months ago when the pilot aborted takeoff halfway through because of a system error. "That's almost routine though," he said.

However, a Russian TV channel late Saturday quoted the wife of the copilot as saying her husband had complained about the plane's condition. Natalva Trukhacheva, identified as the wife of Sergei Trukhachev, said a daughter "called him up before he flew out. He complained before the flight that the technical condition of the aircraft left much to be desired."

An Egyptian official had previously said that before the plane lost contact with air traffic controllers, the pilot radioed that the aircraft was experiencing technical problems and that he intended to try to land at the nearest airport.

Alexander Fridlyand, an expert who leads a Moscowbased aviation research center, said in televised remarks that a quick plunge from high altitude may indicate that a plane was hit by a bomb explosion in its luggage compartment. Another possibility is a mal-



Egyptian security forces stand guard by debris of a Russian airplane at the site a day after the passenger jet bound for St. Petersburg, Russia crashed in Hassana, Egypt, on Sunday, Nov. 1,

Associated Press

function of the plane's power system, which could have triggered a fire or the shutdown of both engines, he added.

Alexander Smirnov, Metroiet's deputy director, said an engine failure would not have caused the plane to

"An engine failure doesn't lead to catastrophe," he said on television. Smirnov described the A321 as a reliable aircraft that would not fall into a spin even if the pilots made a grave error because automatic systems correct crew mistakes.

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi cautioned that the cause of the crash may not be known for months.

"It's very important that this issue is left alone and its causes are not speculated on," he told a gathering of top government officials, members of the military and security forces. The investigation "will take a long time" and "needs very advanced technologies."

A local affiliate of the extremist Islamic State group claimed it "brought down" the aircraft, which crashed in the same general area of northern Sinai where the Egyptian military and security forces have battled militants for years.

The claim, in a statement posted on social media, provided no supporting evidence. The militants are not known to be capable of downing an aircraft at cruising altitude, although there have been persistent media reports that they have acquired Russian shoulder-fired, anti-aircraft missiles that are effective against low-flying warplanes or helicopters.

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S. Korea, Japan, China leaders agree to mend strained ties

HYUNG-JIN KIM Associated Press SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The biggest result of the first meeting of South Korean, Chinese and Japanese leaders in more than three years? More meetings.

But for three Northeast Asian economic and diplomatic heavyweights who spend a huge amount of time bickering over history and territory, the agreement for more dialogue at Sunday's rare summit was a significant step forward. The long-running spat between Seoul and Tokyo, crucial U.S. allies, has been especially worrying for Washington as it looks to counter China's rise and North Korea's pursuit of nuclear bombs.

High-level contact between Tokyo and its two Asian neighbors nose-dived after hawkish Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office in late 2012. Beijing and Seoul see Abe as whitewashing Japan's wartime atrocities.

A joint statement issued after the meeting said the sides agreed to try to resolve history-related issues and improve ties by "facing history squarely and advancing toward the future."



South Korean President Park Geun-hye, center, walks with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, right, to hold a trilateral summit at the presidential house in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

Associated Press

The countries also pledged to hold a leaders' summit every year and push to deepen their economic cooperation by accelerating free trade negotiations among themselves. They also reaffirmed a resolve to resume stalled international negotiations on North Korea's nuclear weapons program. South Korean President Park Geun-hye said at a joint news conference with Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang that the resumption of cooperation "historically important."

Park said. The leaders did not take questions at the news conference.

Starting his speech with a friendly "Hello" in Korean, Abe said he exchanged opinions on how to achieve regional prosperity with Park and Li in a "considerably candid manner." He said Japan would host a leaders' summit next year. "Due to the reason that everyone knows, a trilateral cooperation has been hampered over the past three years," Li said through

ring in bilateral and trilat- constructive role on North eral ties."

Despite protests from Seoul and Beijing, Abe hasn't yielded on his nationalism. Even so, the three countries, closely linked economically, are pushing to find a way to improve ties. On Saturday, Park and Li met separately and agreed to work toward ratifying by the end of the year a bilateral free trade agreement that their legislatures have yet to approve.

Park is to meet Abe on Monday in what will be her first formal one-on-one meeting with him since her inauguration in early 2013. Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Abe last November on the sidelines of a regional conference that Beijing hosted, and they've met twice since.

North Korea was on the agenda at Sunday's threeway meeting. Pyongyang's nuclear bomb and missile programs have long posed a serious security worry for Seoul and Tokyo. China is North Korea's only major ally and biggest aid benefactor, but has shown signs

Korea issues, while Li called for more patience to continue efforts to achieve a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, according to Park's office. The joint statement Sunday said the three leaders would push to resume "meaningful" North Korean nuclear disarmament talks at an early date and reaffirmed their opposition to the development of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula.

South Korea, China, Japan and North Korea are all part of now-dormant international negotiations on ending Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. The other two members of the so-called six-party talks are the United States and Russia.

Despite widespread discontent in Seoul with Abe, Park has faced calls at home to improve ties with Tokyo, and Washington has pushed its two Asian allies to heal their rift.

South Korea and Japan together host about 80,000 U.S. troops, the core of America's military presence in the Asia-Pacific. Washington wants to solidify its alliance with the two countries to better deal with a rising China and a North Korean threat.

an interpreter. "We don't among the countries was that it's increasingly fed up want to see difficulties flarwith the North's repeated "I think we took a big step ing again in trilateral coopprovocations. toward peace and proseration and summit talks, Park told Li that she wants perity in Northeast Asia," and ups and downs occur-China to continue to play a

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Indian intellectuals alarmed by rising intolerance attacks

NIRMALA GEORGE Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — First writers then artists, followed by filmmakers, historians and scientists. The chorus of Indian intellectuals protesting religious bigotry and communal violence grows louder by the week with a single message for Prime Minister Narendra Modi: protect India's tradition of secularism and diversity.

Those protesting are angry and worried by a spate of deadly attacks against atheist thinkers and minorities, and by Modi's relative silence through it all. That silence appears to have encouraged some of his party colleagues to make comments asserting Hindu pride and superiority.

On Thursday, more than scientists, including some of India's top nuclear physicists, space scientists and mathematicians, expressed their anguish at the ways in which they said "science and reason were being eroded in the country." The protest by scientists is significant, given that most work for the government or in state-funded organizations and so could risk being punished for speaking out.

"What we are witnessing instead is the active promotion of irrational and sectarian thought by important functionaries of the government," the scientists said in a statement. They said the dozens of Indian writers who have returned national awards in protest had "shown the way."

The uproar among intellectuals began in late September, when a village mob beat a Muslim man to death and put his son in critical condition over rueating cow meat. In fact, it had been a goat. Ten

people have been arrested in connection with the attack.

There have been other incidents in recent years, including the killings of three atheist scholars who had campaigned against religious superstition, and more mob killings over rumors of cow slaughter or smuggling.

Many Hindus, who make up more than 80 percent of India's population of 1.25 billion, consider cows to be sacred, and many states ban the slaughtering of the animals.

Communal violence and prejudice are nothing new for India, born as a secular democracy in 1947 amid deadly Hindu-Muslim riots that killed an estimated 1 million people as Muslim-majority Pakistan was carved out of mostly Hindu India with the end of British rule. Since then, horrific riots and clashes have erupted at intervals, mostly between Hindus and Muslims. Yet India has still largely been seen as overwhelmingly tolerant, with a cacophony of cultures that have lived side by side for centuries. Secularism is enshrined in its constitution.

Some political analysts said that the protests were going too far in making it seem like India was on the brink of a fascist revolt, and that the government may simply be stumbling in its communication strategy. Modi has no media spokesman, instead relying largely on senior ministers and his official website to get his messages out.

"If you look at the history of religious violence in India, it is far less today than it was three decades ago," analyst Ashok Malik said. "This mors that their family was is part of the democratic discourse in India. While I'm not doubting the concerns

of writers and artists, their use of words like 'fascist' is over the top."

Worries over India's secular identity began rumbling before Modi was elected prime minister last year. Modi and his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party won the election in a landslide, largely on promises of lifting the economy.

But some cautioned that his support was grounded in the party's Hindu base. and noted that Modi himself had come up through the militant Hindu fundamentalist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, which translates as the National Volunteers Association. For years, the group has been accused of stoking anti-Muslim prejudice, including among



In this Oct. 6, 2015 file photo, activists of various Indian Muslim groups shout slogans against Indian prime minister Narendra Modi during a protest against the killing of a Muslim farmer by villagers upon hearing rumors that the family was eating beef, in New Delhi, India.

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teenagers attending youth camps.

Modi, having dodged allegations of responsibility for deadly 2002 riots in Guiarat, insisted during his election campaign that he would be prime minister for all of India and guaranteed protection for minorities.



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Haiti officials look into new allegations against U.S. man

DAVID McFADDEN Associated Press PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

 Haitian investigators are looking into new allegations of child sex abuse against a U.S. man who founded an orphanage for boys in Haiti's capital decades ago.

Police with an arrest warrant searched unsuccessfully Friday for Michael Geilenfeld at a modest private residence in a mountainside community above Port-au-Prince and the nearby Wings of Hope home for about 30 physically and mentally disabled children and young adults. On its website, the facility says it is a "critical part" of Geilenfeld's charitable organization.

The American is already the subject of another criminal case in Haiti that accused him of sexually abusing boys in his care. He spent 237 days in detention before being released in April by a Haitian judge who dismissed the charges in a brief trial that was not attended by the accusers, now adults. But the justice minister granted a re-examination of the case and it is now in court again on appeal.

Geilenfeld had also filed a separate civil case in the U.S. in which a jury in late July ordered a Maine activist to pay \$14.5 million in damages to him and North Carolina-based Hearts with the accusations of sexual At the defamation court During the Friday search at famed them by leading an email blitz accusing the American man of sexually abusing Haitian children. The activist, Paul Kendrick, has requested a new trial. In the trial of his U.S. civil case in Maine, Geilenfeld testified that he believed



In this July 9, 2015 file photo, Michael Geilenfeld arrives to federal court in Portland, Maine.

Haiti after finding he de- abuse lingered against him case in Maine, which saw the Wings of Hope facility in impoverished Haiti because he was a gay man in what he described as a homophobic country.

Geilenfeld, an Iowa native and former Catholic brother, founded the St. Joseph Home for Bovs in Haiti's capital in the 1980s.

seven Haitian men testify they were molested as youngsters by the U.S. man, Geilenfeld said he was inspired by Mother Teresa's missionary work to do good works in Haiti. He has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

in Fermathe, a government official who accompanied police showed reporters an arrest warrant for Geilenfeld signed Thursday by General Prosecutor Jean Abner Emile. Geilenfeld returned to Haiti after the U.S. jury in the civil case returned its verdict in late July. Haitian authorities questioned staff members about Geilenfeld's whereabouts. Communications director Renee Dietrich told them she had spoken to him several days ago but didn't know where he was. She also showed them unanswered calls she made to him on her cellphone.

Dietrich declined to speak to Associated Press journalists who witnessed the Friday police searches, referring all queries to Geilenfeld's U.S. lawyer, Peter De-Troy. He did not respond to an email seeking comment and has previously said he has no involvement with legal matters in Haiti.

Alain Lemithe, Geilenfeld's Haitian lawyer, said he was confident his client would prevail in Haiti's appeals court in the coming weeks and said the timing of new allegations appeared to be "very suspicious."

Haitian investigators were accompanied Friday by Valerie Dirksen, a real estate agent from the Atlanta metropolitan area who asserts Geilenfeld is a serial abuser of children. She sponsors two young Haitian men who grew up in Geilenfeld's care and she insists there are many alleged victims who passed through the orphanage.

According to Dirksen, the new arrest warrant for Geilenfeld was issued after a magistrate judge visited the St. Joseph Home for Boys and found three youngsters residing there with him, a violation of an earlier mandate by Haiti's child welfare authority.

"I will stay here in Haiti until he is arrested," she said outside the Wings of Hope



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plore his opportunities as a piano man. After a couple months he finally found what he was looking for at Barney's Bar & Restaurant: a fun and casual place where he is the main entertainment. He plays Thurs7pm till 10.30pm.

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12am, the kitchen is open from 5pm till 11pm where you will find great specials each evening which include a "Bar Bite" for \$10, a daily soup and a daily main course special.

Recently they started with Monday night All You Can Eat Faiitas for \$19.50. You can choose grouper, chicken and beef, and they are served with all the classics, including auacamole, sour cream, salsa and warm soft tortilla's. It's a big hit for young and old. Tuesday night is Schnitzel Night where you can choose chicken or pork, and it includes a variety of preparations along with a choice of sauces, for only \$17.50

Wednesday night has become very popular for fish lovers because it's Grouper Night, when you can choose from 4 different kinds of Groupers, from Dutch Grouper to French or Italian and Spanish, all served with fresh vegetables and a side of your choice for only \$19.50.

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Dietary restrictions are never a problem, just let your waitress know and Chef Jan and his team will make sure you are taken care of! Friday night is All You Can Eat Sliders, which are little burgers, you get 5 different ones like steak, cheeseburger, chorizo, fried chicken and grouper all served with Cole Slaw and French fries for \$19.50. Also be



prepared to entertain or be entertained, as it is Karaoke Night where everyone gathers to sing starting around 10pm until late into the morning. Shy? No worries, Ron will get you going with one of their favorite Dutch songs! Chef Jan will serenade his finance with his rendition of "Blueberry Hill" and Ron & Eline will sing some love songs to each other throughout the night. Besides the great food and service, you will find an extensive bar filled with all your favorite drinks including great wines by the glass. The prices are so reasonable that every hour is "Happy Hour" at Barney's Bar & Restaurant!

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Stanley Biwott of Kenya crosses the finish line first in the men's division at the 2015 New York City Marathon in New York, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

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Kenyans Stanley Biwott, Mary Keitany win NYC Marathon

RACHEL COHEN AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mary Keitany once tried to win a New York City Marathon by surging to a huge lead from the start.

By staying patient Sunday, she ensured she'd be far ahead at the end.

The 33-year-old Kenyan became the first woman to repeat in New York since world-record holder Paula Radcliffe in 2008. Her margin of victory of 67 seconds was also the largest since Radcliffe that year.

Stanley Biwott won his first major marathon title to complete the Kenyan sweep.

He finished second in London last year and had been upping his mileage in training to ensure he didn't fade over the final stages of races as he had in the past.

"Today it helped me a lot, and I believe in the program," the 29-year-old Biwott said.

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American Pharoah leaves his multitude of fans for stud life

BETH HARRIS AP Racing Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Bob Baffert began his final full day as American Pharoah's trainer by walking the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup Classic winner into the middle of an adoring crowd outside his Keeneland barn.

More than 200 people, many clutching cameras, pressed close to the thoroughbred, who stayed remarkably calm as always despite the tumult. Hands reached out to pet the champ. Some people cried while others presented him with his favorite snack of peeled baby carrots.

American Pharoah seemed to be enjoying his first full day of retirement Sunday.

"This horse is so special, that's why I shared him with everybody," Baffert said. "He loves people. That's why he has such a great following."

Now comes the hard part. Baffert, owner Ahmed Zayat and their families will bid farewell to American Pharoah on Monday when he heads to Ashford Stud in nearby Versailles to begin his new breeding career.

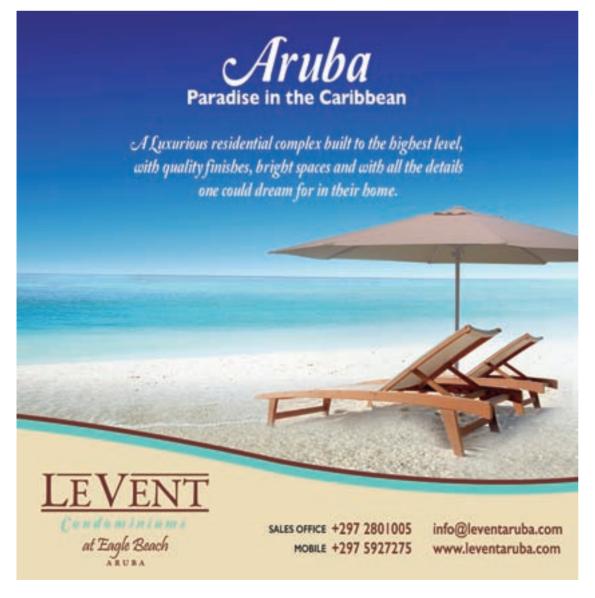
"I don't feel like I'm leaving him. We'll come visit him a lot," said Baffert, who is based in Southern California. "It's going to be tougher when I go home and I see that empty stall."

Before departing the barn, the Zayat family exchanged hugs with Baffert, who drew laughs when he instructed his client, "Find



Victor Espinoza smiles after he and American Pharoah won the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland Racecourse on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 in Lexington, KY.

Associated Press



me another one."

American Pharoah took his handlers and a beleaguered sport on an exhilarating ride, becoming the first horse to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 37 years before ending his career with a 6 1/2-length victory in the Classic on Saturday. At Ashford Stud, American Pharoah will live a pampered life while he goes about producing future progeny that could be on the racetrack in a few years.

"I wish I could have kept him another year to race, it would have been the icing on the cake," Zayat said. "But the reality of the business does not allow us to do that." The costs of insuring a Triple Crown champion are prohibitive, which led Zayat to sell Pharoah's breeding rights to Coolmore-owned Ashford Stud before he won the Belmont in early June.

"He's been running so many times and it's time for him to have a nice life," jockey Victor Espinoza said. Zayat is pondering a way to celebrate his horse's achievements and solicited fans at the barn for ideas. "A Triple Crown winner should go out in a way that is appropriate of how he was embraced by the fans and the sport," he said. "The question is how?" While Zayat considers party plans, Baffert is looking toward next year and horses in his barn that could succeed on the Triple Crown trail. One of them is Mor Spirit, who won for the first time last week at Santa Anita.

"It's spelled wrong, so maybe that's a clue," Baffert said, noting American Pharoah's name was misspelled, too.

"As a trainer, you have to put Pharoah in the rearview mirror and keep going on, but they all have a special place in our hearts. These really good horses leave a piece of them with me," he said.

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He certainly needed that late speed against countryman Geoffrey Kamworor, who's more a track star than a marathoner. Kamworor won the silver medal in the 10,000 meters at the world championships in August.

In 2011, Keitany led by nearly 2 1/2 minutes at the 15-mile mark but faded to her second straight third-place showing. A two-time London Marathon champ, she finally won in New York last year by just 3 seconds, matching the closest finish in the history of the women's race.

Confidence was high coming into Sunday, but no matter how good she felt, Keitany knew to bide her time.

"At the beginning, I did not go because I know the course in New York," she said. "Many times I had run it. So I said, 'Let me just wait.'"

She waited for about 21 miles before making her move.

"I say, 'OK, let me just go, and if somebody is more strong, she can come, and we can go,'" Keitany recalled. "I was ready to go with her, but fortunately they never got me. So I just crossed the line alone."

Keitany finished in 2 hours, 24 minutes, 25 seconds, beating Ethiopia's Aselefech Mergia by more than a minute. Another Ethiopian, reigning London Marathon champ Tigist Tufa, took third, bothered by pain from her shoes.

Biwott won in 2:10:34, edging Kamworor by 14 seconds.

"I race to win, but I'm happy about the second

position," Kamworor said. "I'm looking forward in the future, maybe next year, I'll come back again and work hard to win a New York Marathon."

Reigning Boston Marathon winner Lelisa Desisa was third and defending champion was Wilson Kipsang fourth.

Desisa and Kipsang both ran the marathon at the world championships 10 weeks ago, though Kipsang didn't finish because of the heat in Beijing.

American Meb Keflezighi, the 2009 champ, placed seventh at age 40 in his 10th NYC Marathon. His time of 2:13:32 was a national masters record. Keflezighi plans to run at the U.S. trials Feb. 13 to try to make his fourth Olympic team.

Tatyana McFadden shattered the women's wheelchair course record to sweep four major marathons for the third straight year. The 26-year-old American finished in 1:43:04 to again complete the Grand Slam of winning in London, Boston, Chicago and New York, extending her record streak.

Ernst Van Dyk of South Africa won his second NYC Marathon title and first since 2005 in the men's wheelchair race.

An unofficial total of 50,229 entrants started the 45th running of the NYC Marathon. Spike Lee served as just the third grand marshal in the race's history, riding along the 26.2-mile course through the five boroughs in a 1969 Chrysler 300 convertible.

American Laura Thweatt finished seventh in her marathon debut. She will seek to qualify for next summer's Rio Games on the track. Kenya doesn't hold Olympic trials in the marathon, and with many more elite distance runners than the three slots allotted, there's no guarantee even an athlete as accomplished as Keitany will make the team.

Against a deep field Sunday, she made quite the case that she can contend for her first gold.

"I'm ready to go to try to get the medal in Rio next year," she said. "It would mean a lot to me and also to my life."



New York City marathon winners Mary Keitany and Stanley Biwott, both of Kenya, pose for photographers on the finish line of the the New York City marathon, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 in New York

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Saints top Giants, 52-49 on last-second FG

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees passed for career highs of 511 yards and seven touchdowns, and recently signed Kai Forbath kicked a 50-yard field goal as time ran out Sunday, giving the New Orleans Saints a 52-49 victory in a game with a record 13 scoring passes.

Eli Manning connected on a career-high six touchdown passes, three to fellow New Orleans native Odell Beckham Jr., but New York (4-4) fell for the second time in three games.

The 101 points tied for third most in NFL history. The teams combined for 1,030 yards.

Brandin Cooks and Willie Snead each had two touchdown catches for the Saints (4-4), who have won four of five after an 0-3 start. Brees' other three touchdown passes went to Marques Colston, Ben Watson and C.J. Spiller, the last to tie the score at 49 with 36 seconds left.

The Saints' defense then forced a Giants punt with 20 seconds to go. Marcus Murphy returned it across the 50 and fumbled, but Snead recovered. The Giants were flagged for a face mask penalty, setting up the winning kick.

BENGALS 16, STEELERS 10

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's return wasn't enough to prevent the Bengals from getting off to their best start in franchise history.

Andy Dalton threw a touchdown pass with 2:57



Kansas City Chiefs running back Spencer Ware (32), centre, scores a touchdown during the NFL football game between Detroit Lions and Kansas City Chiefs Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

picked off Roethlisberger twice in the fourth quarter. The Bengals are 7-0 for the first time and have a comfortable lead in their division.

The defending AFC North champion Steelers (4-4) hoped Roethlisberger's return after missing four games with a sprained knee would kick-start them. a 31-yard field goal from After leading most of the Connor Barth in the extra game, they fall apart in the period to beat the mistakeclosing minutes.

sideline interception at the for the Falcons (6-2) on an Pittsburgh 45-yard line set up Dalton's 9-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Green, who had another big game against the Steelers. He finished with 11 catches for 118 yards.

Reggie Nelson's second Instead, Jameis Winston interception set up Mike

to go, and the Bengals Nugent's 44-yard field goal with 1:47 to go. The Steelers drove to the Cincinnati 16-yard line with 4 seconds left, but Roethlisberger's pass went out of the end zone to finish it.

BUCCANEERS 23, FALCONS

ATLANTA (AP) — Bouncing back after blowing a 17-point lead, the Bucs got prone Falcons.

Shawn Williams' diving Matt Ryan tied the game 8-yard pass to Julio Jones with 17 seconds left in regulation. Having squandered a 24-point edge the previous week at Washington, the Bucs (3-4) were in trouble again.

led an impressive drive on

the first possession of OT, converting three times on third down before the drive stalled when he short-hopped a pass into the end zone for an open Adam Humphries. Barth made his third field goal of the game.

Associated Press

Atlanta got the ball but didn't even make it to midfield. On fourth down, Ryan was heavily pressured by Gerald McCoy and Howard Jones, forcing a desperation pass that wasn't close to anyone.

Despite four turnovers, the Falcons rallied from a 20-3 deficit, benefiting from a highly questionable decision by Tampa Bay coach Lovie Smith to go on fourthand-1 at the Bucs 40 with 2 minutes to go.

CARDINALS 34, BROWNS 20 CLEVELAND (AP) — Car-

son Palmer threw for four touchdowns, three in the second half, and for 374 yards as Arizona rallied.

Palmer had two TD passes in the third quarter when the Cardinals (6-2) overcame a 20-10 halftime deficit. His third TD of the second half, a 6-yarder to Larry Fitzgerald, gave Arizona a 31-20 lead.

Michael Floyd had a 60yard TD catch and tight end Troy Niklas had two short TD receptions as the Cardinals overcame four turnovers and won in Cleveland for the first time since 1985.

The Browns (2-6) dropped their third straight, and cornerback Joe Haden and safety Donte Whitner sustained concussions on consecutive plays in the third quarter; Cleveland lost two defenders and the lead in a span of 7:25.

Quarterback Josh Mc-Cown had three TD passes. The 36-year-old also played much of the second half in pain after re-injuring his right shoulder and ribs.

VIKINGS 23, BEARS 20

CHICAGO (AP) — Adrian Peterson ran for 103 yards and Blair Walsh kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired.

The Vikings had dropped seven straight at Soldier Field, and it looked like the streak would reach eight when Jay Cutler rolled to his right and plowed over safety Harrison Smith for a 4-yard touchdown with just under five minutes remaining. But two late scores lifted Minnesota (5-2) to its third straight win.



Gordon wins Martinsville to earnspot in championship finale



Jeff Gordon celebrates winning the Sprint Cup auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

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JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) —

Jeff Gordon earned an automatic berth in NAS-CAR's championship race — where he'll try to win a fifth title in his final season — with a victory Sunday at Martinsville Speedway.

He has Matt Kenseth to thank for his spot in the final four of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Kenseth intentionally wrecked Joey Logano payback from an incident three races ago — to take the race leader out with 47 laps remaining. Logano had the dominant car, and Kenseth, who was in an earlier wreck with Brad Keselowski, came back on the track 10 laps down and drove Logano into the wall. Logano had led 207 of the 500 laps and was furious. His father, Tom, had to be pushed into the team hauler by the crew chief as the crowd cheered wildly in support of Kenseth.

Kenseth downplayed the incident, deadpanning it was a result of his earlier incident with Keselowski, who had led 143 laps as the two Team Penske teammates were the class of the field. Instead of celebrating a win and a spot in the Nov. 22 finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Logano is

last in the eight-driver field and Keselowski is sixth.

Gordon, though, is in after his ninth career victory at Martinsville.

"We're going to Homestead!" he screamed.

The four-time NASCAR champion won for the first time this season and first time in 39 races. It was his 93rd career victory and put him in position to ride into retirement with the long coveted fifth title.

One of the greatest drivers in NASCAR history, he hasn't won a title since his 2001 championship. He celebrated the win by jumping around the frontstretch like a little boy on Christmas morning, then he jumped into the arms of his exuberant Hendrick Motorsports crew.

As he stood in victory lane, his two young children racing in for hugs, he couldn't contain his glee.

"It was a joke, I'm coming back next year!" he joked. "This is the sweetest, most amazing feeling."

He still had to earn the win after Logano was knocked from the race. Gordon had to chase down AJ Allmendinger and Denny Hamlin on a restart, then hold off Jamie McMurray on a restart with two laps remaining.

There are two races re-

maining for the rest of the final four to be set, and Logano has a lot of work to do to make it back to the championship for the second year. He was racing for his fourth consecutive victory, but there was a looming suspicion that Kenseth would get in the way. Kenseth had been leading in the closing laps three weeks ago at Kansas Speedway when Logano spun him out of the way for the win. Kenseth has been furious since, and was eliminated last week from the Chase.

Logano felt Kenseth's move was dirty.

"I think what happened at Kansas is a completely different deal. We were racing for the win and he blocks you a few times and then we raced hard and he blocked me the last time and we spun out," Logano said. "Here it was just a complete coward move. especially for a championship race car driver and race team. Just a complete coward. I don't have anything else to say. It's a chicken-you-know-what move to completely take out the leader when your race is over."

The two drivers have not talked since Kansas, and even though they were in the care center together after the accident, there was no conversation.

"They won't let me get to him," Logano said of NAS-CAR.

Kenseth tried hard to dismiss Sunday's accident as a byproduct of earlier contact with Keselowski — a wreck that sent both Kenseth and Keselowski to the garage. But he was summoned to the NASCAR hauler after the race for

a meeting that his crew chief and car owner Joe Gibbs attended. Kenseth eventually revealed why the wreck happened at Martinsville, the first of three races to set the championship field.

"He's got a couple races left, he's got the best car, he might get a couple of wins here and still have a shot at it," Kenseth said. He also indicated that payback had to be done.





Federer beats Nadal in 3 sets to take Swiss Indoors title

GRAHAM DUNBAR AP Sports Writer

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Roger Federer mastered Rafael Nadal in their first meeting in almost two years to win the Swiss Indoors final 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 on Sunday.

The top-seeded Federer ended a five-match losing streak against Nadal, including the last time they played for a title in May

"It was a very special day," said Federer, who won his hometown event for the seventh time. "Probably it was my best victory here in Basel."

With the match finely poised in the deciding set, Federer hit a series of ground strokes for winners and broke Nadal's serve for a 5-3 lead.

Federer created his second match point by meeting Nadal's hard forehand with a backhand volley winner at the net, and clinched it when Nadal's service return flew long.

"I lost but I was close to winning, very close," said Nadal, who still has a 23-11 career hold over Federer, including 14-7 in tourna-



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a ball to Spain's Rafael Nadal during their final match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015. **Associated Press**

ment finals.

The Swiss Indoors, where Federer was once a ball boy, is now the fifth tour event he was won at least seven times. He has eight titles at the Wimbledon warm-up tournament in Halle, Germany.

Federer dominated the first half of the match, finding the lines with his ground strokes and commanding

at the net, but he was broken at 5-5 in the second set and Nadal forced a third. The old rivals had not faced each other in a title match since Nadal's victory at the Rome Masters 2 ½ years ago. They last met on court for an Australian Open semifinal that Nadal won in three straight sets in January 2014.

"Six hundred-plus days

have gone by a so a lot of things have happened," Federer said. "Definitely I had the right game plan today."

Federer broke Nadal for a 3-2 lead, creating the chance with a backhand passing shot and taking it with a fierce forehand win-

Federer clinched the set with four straight points

on Nadal's serve, sealed by a forehand crosscourt winner.b The Swiss even stepped up his intensity to start the second set, needing just a few strokes to win the opening game.

Nadal again called for the trainer at a changeover, as he did in a semifinal victory over Richard Gasquet, and had his right knee taped.

The third-seeded Spaniard saved a break point midway through the set and soon unleashed his best shot of the match stretching to fire a low forehand winner down the line. Nadal broke for a 6-5 lead after Federer's backhand briefly faltered, and served out the set.

In the deciding set, Nadal found a stunning backhand crosscourt winner to save a break point when trailing 2-1.

Nadal was happy with his week after beating Grigor Dimitrov, Marin Cilic and Gasquet to get to Federer. "It's good news for me," said the former No. 1, who should now rise from No. 7. "Today I have been very competitive against one of the best players in the world.

Caddie opens up on Tiger Woods' affairs in tell-all book

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Tiger Woods' former caddie Steve Williams has described his anger and frustration at being "hung out to dry" by Woods' management when the golfer's infidelities were revealed in 2009, and says he was sometimes treated as a "slave" on the course.

A New Zealand newspaper on Sunday published a chapter of Williams' tell-all book "Out of the Rough" in which the New Zealandborn caddie describes his reaction on learning of Woods' extramarital afhe didn't hear from his months as the golfer's marriage, career and reputation fell apart.

While Williams says he was angry to learn Woods had cheated on his wife Elin

friend in trouble and I was going to stick by him. I did that even though people were accusing me of being an enabler, an accomplice, saying I was lying when I stated clearly that I knew nothing about this." Williams says his life became "absolutely miserable" as details of Woods' behavior emerged and people suspected had been aware of, or event played some part in Woods' affairs.

"People in my local community would front up to me at the shops and call fairs. Williams writes that me a liar to my face, and ask 'what are you doing close friend Woods for four with him?" Williams wrote. "I repeatedly asked for Tiger's management to release a statement that would clear me of any involvement in this lurid news. "They simply wouldn't do Nordegren, "he was still a it because there were oth-



In this Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 file photo, Tiger Woods, left, of the U.S. team and his former caddie Steve Williams stand on the first tee during the first round of the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Royal Melbourne Golf Course, in Melbourne, Australia.

ers in his group who knew exactly what was going on and management felt they couldn't single out one person as innocent. Angry, frustrated and hung out to dry, I was also in limbo about when I would next work."

Williams said he didn't con-

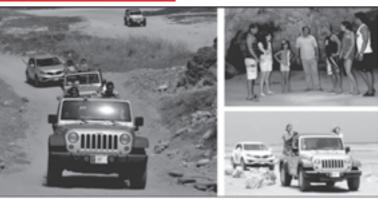
sider quitting as Woods' caddie "as I felt incredibly loyal to Tiger — this was the toughest time of his life and I wasn't going to ditch him."

"Tiger finally rang me on March 23 (2010). He had already sent me an apologetic email when he was in rehab. It was heartfelt and meaningful; he was open, honest and remorseful and it reinforced my thinking that because I was so straight up and had such strong values, he felt he couldn't tell me what was going on with his affairs." Williams said that before resuming his 13-year asso-

ciation with Woods he met with the golfer and presented a list of demands. "I wanted him to prove to

me he could change his behavior and show me and the game of golf more respect," he said.

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R&B star Akon to debut new albums on his own 'Stadium' app

RYAN NAKASHIM AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Akon, an R&B star who's collaborated with everyone from Eminem to Andy Samberg, is about to release his first albums in seven years but you won't find them in stores or on streaming services like Spotify. Instead, he plans to release four albums through a new app, making him the latest artist to experiment with bypassing big record labels and traditional music distribution altogether.

The new app, called Stadium, will let fans stream Akon songs for free, although they'll have to put up with ads. But interacting with the app by clicking the ads or sharing with friends on Facebook will earn users credits they can use to "buy" digital goods such as ringtones, wallpapers and Akon-styled emoji. And, of course, to unlock more songs and unreleased videos. "It's going to definitely regenerate the music business," Akon said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, calling his app "the answer" to the music industry's problems. "It's going to take someone like me to take the chance on it."

It's not a bad deal for Akon junkies; it lets them stream otherwise unavailable new music legally from their smartphones.

For artists like Akon, this kind of independent digital route offers other major advantages — among them, sidestepping Spotify, Pandora and their ilk. Many musicians resent those services for offering what artists consider a tiny cut of streaming revenue.

That's a big issue in the music industry, where sales of downloaded music are fall-

ing while streaming is surging. Services like Pandora and Spotify argue that they give out the majority of their revenue to artists and labels and the amount will only grow as more people

Artists' own apps, however, can garner them a greater slice of ad revenue, while also scooping up data on which songs fans like most and where they live. Musicians can use them to sell concert tickets, backstage passes and T-shirts and other merchandise.

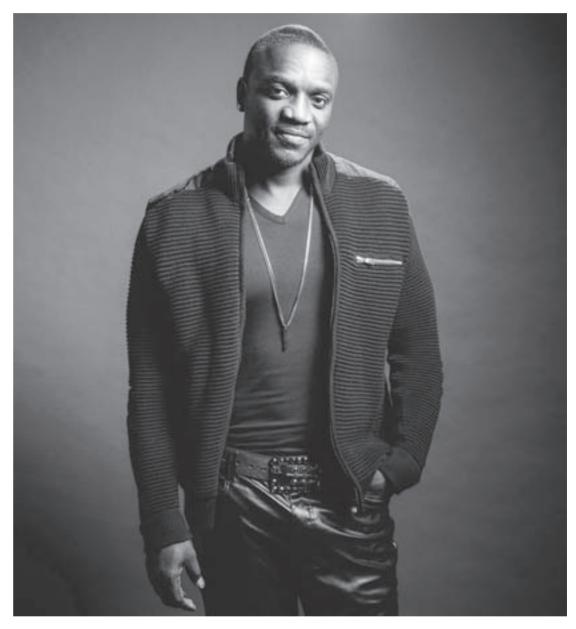
By appifying himself and going independent, Akon aims to super-serve his 60 million-plus fans on social media

He said that roughly 200,000 people have already reaistered to receive the Stadium app when it's released in the next couple of weeks.

Other artists have gone down a similar road. Radiohead released "In Rainbows" as a pay-what-youwant album download in 2007. Lady Gaga debuted songs from "Born This Way" on a special version of the video game "FarmVille" in 2011, and last year U2 released "Songs of Innocence" as a free album to iTunes users, sponsored by Apple. Some acts — like Macklemore, Nine Inch Nails and The White Stripes - have foregone traditional record-label deals and thrived.

But none of these efforts have yet yielded a broadly viable way of getting music into the hands of fans while paying artists what they think they deserve.

Streaming music, meanwhile, is exploding. It's on pace to double this year, according to Nielsen Music data, gains that would propel U.S. "album" sales up-



In this Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 photo, Akon poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. When Akon releases his first albums in seven years, he'll largely bypass the music labels and ask fans to download an app to their phone for exclusive access.

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ward for the first time in four years. (Nielsen counts 1,500 song streams as equivalent to an album sale.) Streaming is "a huge piece of the business," said David Bakula, senior vice president of analytics at Nielsen.

hew to a different genre: world, house, urban and reggae. The last album, in the pop genre, will be released sometime before March next year, likely in standard formats on multiple digital and physical

Music Group's Atlantic Records, Akon said.

Warner said it was too early to comment on its plans.

Vickie Nauman, a Los Angeles-based digital music consultant, says more artists should experiment with Akon's first four albums for offerings like Stadium. Mathe Stadium app will each ior streaming platforms, she says, are often incredibly cluttered, given that they can offer 30 million or more tracks. She argues that streaming is also too expensive, since the \$10-permonth on-demand plans like Spotify and Apple Muchannels through Warner sic are roughly double

what consumers have traditionally paid for music.

"Until we meet consumers where they are, at a price point they're willing to pay. and a user experience that has value, we won't have mass adoption of streaming," Nauman said.

The Stadium app was developed by EscapeX, a New York startup that launched in July. It has made white-label apps for artists such as Karmin and plans to also release new music in new apps for the estate of Bob Marley and DJ Armin Van Buuren.



LinkedIn's 3Q results top analyst views, propelling stock

MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

LinkedIn is behaving like an extremely productive worker who always seems to get the job done while still yearning to be more like flashier peers.

The professional networking service delivered another outstanding performance in the third quarter, lifting its stock by almost 12 percent in extended trading after the numbers were released Thursday.

LinkedIn has been a Wall Street star since its stock debuted in May 2011, its service establishing itself as a digital rolodex for ambitious workers and talenthunary employers.

The formula has enabled LinkedIn to expand its audience and boost its revenue at a clip that has increased the company's market value by five-fold since the initial public offering.

True to form, LinkedIn's results for the three months ending in September exceeded the projections that steer investors' perceptions. The company's revenue forecast fell within the range of analysts' predictions, a conservative habit that LinkedIn has adopted in an apparent at-



In this Nov. 6, 2014, file photo, a LinkedIn employee walks past a company logo at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. LinkedIn reports quarterly financial results on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015.

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tempt to make it easier to deliver pleasant surprise.

LinkedIn's revenue for the latest quarter rose 37 percent from last year to \$780 million. That topped the estimate of \$757 million among analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

The Mountain View, California, company lost \$40.5 mil- ure easily surpassed ana-

lion, or 31 cents per share, widening from a setback of \$4.3 million, or 3 cents per share, at the same time last

If not expenses for employees' stock compensations and accounting costs for past acquisitions, LinkedIn said it would have earned 78 cents per share. That figlysts' estimates of 47 cents per share.

The service ended September with 396 million accountholders, a gain of 16 million since June. LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner said the network topped the 400 million mark this month.

"LinkedIn's value proposition is simple — connect to opportunity," Weiner said.

For all its success, LinkedIn has had trouble aettina its accountholders to visits its service as frequently and stick around for as long as people do at Facebook's social networking site or even other popular communications channels such as Pinterest.

shortcoming has prompted LinkedIn to add more content offering professional advice and to tinker with its mobile applications in an attempt to make its service even more compelling. By luring in more people for longer periods, LinkedIn hopes to boost its ad revenue, which doesn't bring in as much money as the fees that LinkedIn collects from employers, headhunters and job seekers for additional privileges and analysis.

Those efforts so far have only been modestly successful.

Most investors, though, apparently will be satisfied if LinkedIn just keeps doing what it does best as a conduit for workers and employers. LinkedIn's stock surged \$26 to \$243 in extended trading. If the shares mirror that gain in Friday's regular session, the stock will have gained about 6 percent so far this

ECB: Greek banks need \$15.8 billion to get back on track

DAVID McHUGH AP Business Writer FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The European Central Bank says Greece's battered banks need 14.4 billion euros (\$15.8 billion) in fresh money to get back on their feet and resume normal business.

The figure announced Saturday is the result of an ECB review of Greece's four main banks following an agreement on the troubled country's third bailout: 86 billion euros (\$94.6 billion) from other eurozone governments in August. The review is an important step toward ending limits on bank customer withdrawals and transfers that continue to hamper businesses as the Greek economy strug-

gles to recover.

The banks — Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank — now must submit plans to raise the money to boost their capital buffers against future financial turmoil and losses.

Part of that capital could come from private investors: what can't be raised from investors would come from bailout funds.

The financial hole the ECB found is smaller than originally feared. The bailout the banks.

Greece is racing to bail out zure of deposits. bailout rules take effect bank recapitalization and

deposits over the 100,000euro (\$110,000) limit on deposit insurance. That would sting big depositors such as small and medium sized businesses, which are already having enough trouble.

A bill allowing the recapitalization of banks was passed by voice vote in Greece's Parliament Saturday.

The extreme right Golden Dawn and the Communist Party were the only dissenters in the eight-party legislature.

that would require seizing a viable solution to non- Greek banks have already loosened.

performing loans will both happen before the end of the year.

Tsakalotos told Parliament that the country's Financial Stabilization Fund will obtain common bank shares, with voting rights.

"We would like to influence the banks' policies, so that they do not invest in highrisk instruments.

We do not want to influence top management appointments or to whom they should provide loans," he said.

the banks before year end, Greek finance minister Eu- if there is a more severe when new European bank clid Tsakalotos said that downturn in the Greek economy.

been bailed out under Greece's earlier bailout deals. But they suffered further losses as the country headed toward a third bailout this summer.

number of business loans not being repaid increased as the economy deteriorated and investors fled. Depositors pulled out money fearing that Greece would be forced to leave the euro and leave them with a new currency worth much less.

The bailout deal staved provided for up to 25 billion Deputy Prime Minister Yian- The ECB found the banks off an exit from Europe's euros (\$27.5 billion) to fix nis Dragasakis said passage would need 4.4 billion eu- shared euro currency. But of the bill would avert sei- ros under normal expecta- limits on withdrawals and tions and 14.4 billion euros transfers imposed in June to prevent Greek banks from collapsing remain in place, though they have been



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SEC opens door to startup investing for all

MARCY GORDON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A

new form of crowdfunding is coming soon that will allow startups to raise money by selling stock to Main Street investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday adopted rules implementing a 2012 law that opened the door to securities crowdfunding. The vote was 3-1 at a public meeting.

For years, artists, charities and entrepreneurs have used the power of the Internet to generate money for projects. Starting in mid-2016, businesses will be able to offer investors a piece of their company by legally selling stock online. For investors, it's a chance to make a small profit and possibly get in early on the next Twitter, Instagram or Uber.

But it also entails high risk, given that a majority of startups fail. About half of all small businesses shut down within the first five years. Some critics also warn that investment crowdfunding is ripe for fraud.

The new SEC rules won't prevent the types of fraud that can arise in conventional online scams, said Mercer Bullard, a law professor at the University of Mississippi who is a mutual-fund investor advocate.

"You can embezzle someone's money in the guise of making a securities offering," Bullard said in a telephone interview.

With an eye to protecting investors, the crowdfunding securities offerings can only be made through brokerage firms or new Internet funding portals that must be registered with the SEC. The portals will be expected to provide inves-

tors with materials explaining the process, investment limits and resale restrictions. To reduce fraud risks, the portals are charged with vetting the companies and the prospective investors.

SEC Chair Mary Jo White said before the vote that agency staff "will begin immediately to keep a watchful eye on how this market develops."

They will assess what kinds of companies use the new crowdfunding offerings, how closely they follow the rules and whether the new practice promotes the raising of capital while also protecting investors.

The SEC proposed the crowdfunding rules two years ago. Waiting at the starting gate for the final rules to take effect: legions of startups in areas such as packaged food, medical and biotechnology, restaurants and real estate.

Lisa Fetterman, the founder and CEO of cooking equipment startup Nomiku, sees a potential opportunity— "because banks aren't going to give you money," she said. The company sells machines for sous-vide cooking, a sort of vacuum method meant to cook evenly and seal in moisture, to both home cooks and restaurants.

Nomiku has raised about \$1.3 million in the past few years through conventional crowdfunding on Kickstarter. Now with SEC rule change, Fetterman sees about a 50-50 chance her company will plunge into investment crowdfunding. Key factors are the quality of funding portals and the extent to which they can vet investors, she said.

Under the new rules, people with annual income or net worth less than \$100,000 will be allowed to invest a



In this Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 photo, Pedro J. Ramirez, director of new digital publication 'El Espanol', poses for a photo at the editorial department of the new digital news site. The legendary Spanish newspaper editor is flush with 18 million euros (\$20 million) from crowdfunding, well-heeled investors and the payoff he received for leaving Spain's No. 2 newspaper. With that haul, Ramirez is about to launch a startup digital publication aimed at shaking up Spanish journalism and scooping traditional and new media competition.

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maximum of 5 percent of their yearly income or net worth, or \$2,000 if that is greater. Those with higher incomes can invest up to 10 percent. An individual can't invest a total of more than \$100,000 in all crowdfunding offerings during a 12-month period.

Investors generally couldn't resell their crowdfunding securities for one year.

Under current rules, only "accredited investors" who meet certain wealth thresholds can fund startups. They must either have a net worth of \$1 million, excluding the value of their primary home, or have generated income of \$200,000 or more in each of the last two years.

For their part, companies will be allowed to raise a maximum of \$1 million a year from individual investors without registering with the SEC. Companies

will have to provide information to investors about theirbusiness plan and how they will use the money they raise, as well as a list of their officers, directors and those who own at least 20 percent of the company.

Raising money for startups "is like fishing in a pond. You have more pond to fish in now," said Hitomi Kimura, a co-founder of DinersCode, which sends customers to Manhattan restaurants by offering free drinks, perks and discounts for frequent diners. Kimura also will be looking into the new crowdfunding.

Indiegogo, a titan of conventional crowdfunding along with Kickstarter, may branch out and get into the securities crowdfunding game.

"All of us at Indiegogo are excited that the SEC is formally expanding the way in which everyone will be

able participate in the entrepreneurial ecosystem through the amazing power of crowdfunding," CEO Slava Rubin said in a statement. "We're now exploring how equity crowdfunding may play a role in Indiegogo's business model." The goal of the 2012 law was to help entrepreneurs raise money quickly when they couldn't attract attention from venture capitalists or traditional deeppocketed investors.

At the same time, the law eased the SEC's regulatory reach by giving the start-ups an exemption from filing rules. The rationale was that new businesses in a hurry to raise money would be hampered by having to submit paperwork. It was an about-face for Congress after expanding the SEC's powers only two years earlier in response to the 2008 financial crisis.

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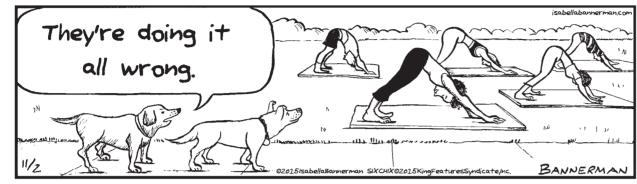
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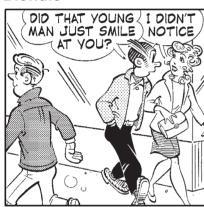
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Australian coroner warns boats aren't safe from crocodiles

ROD McGUIRK Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— The extraordinary death of a fisherman snatched from his boat by a leapingcrocodile prompted a coroner on Friday to urge authorities to warn boat users of the growing crocodiledanger in northern Australia.

Wildlife rangers in the Northern Territory have heard reports of crocodiles launching at, nudging and biting boats, the territory government told a coroner's inquest into Bill Scott's death last year. The inquest ended on Friday with Coroner Greg Cavanagh making his report and recommendations.

Family and friends watched in horror as a 4.74 meter (15 foot, 7 inch) crocodile leapt from a waterhole and clamped its jaws around the left shoulder and chest of Bill Scott as he stood in his 3.5-meter (12-foot) aluminum boat. The crocodile then flipped the 62-year-old man into the water and he was never seen again alive.

Cavanagh said Scott might be the first person known to have been taken by a croc from a boat. But it was not the first time a croc had tried, Cavanagh said.

Fisherman Jeff Bolitho had testified to the inquest that a 4-meter (13-foot) croc once leapt over the side of his boat, knocking Bolitho off his chair and leaving teeth marks in the back of his head and shoulder.

Cavanagh recommended that the Northern Territory government add to its public crocodile warnings that: "Saltwater crocodiles can attack people in boats and the smaller the boat, the greater the risk." Wildlife rangers have added protective railings on their own boats since the death. But authorities are reluctant to recommend that the public do the same in case leaning on railings makes some types of hull less stable.

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UN weather body: Antarctic ozone hole expands due to cold

JAMEY KEATEN Associated Press

GENEVA (AP)—The Antarctic ozone hole has swelled this month to one of its biggest sizes on record, U.N. and U.S. scientists say, insisting that the Earth-shielding ozone layer remains on track to long-term recovery but residents of the southern hemisphere should be on watch for high UV levels in the weeks ahead.

The World Meteorological Organization, in a regular bulletin released Thursday, said the Antarctic ozone hole often faces seasonal year-to-year varia-

but says the expansion this year shows "we need to remain vigilant."

The Geneva-based U.N. agency pointed to NASA data on Oct. 2 showing the hole had reached 28.2 million square kilometers (10.9 million square miles) — larger than the size of Russia and Canada put together. It was the largest recorded on that date, and the hole has remained at a record size on the dates since, WMO said.

According to NASA, the record largest ozone hole dates to Sept. 9, 2000, when it was 29.9 million square kilometers.

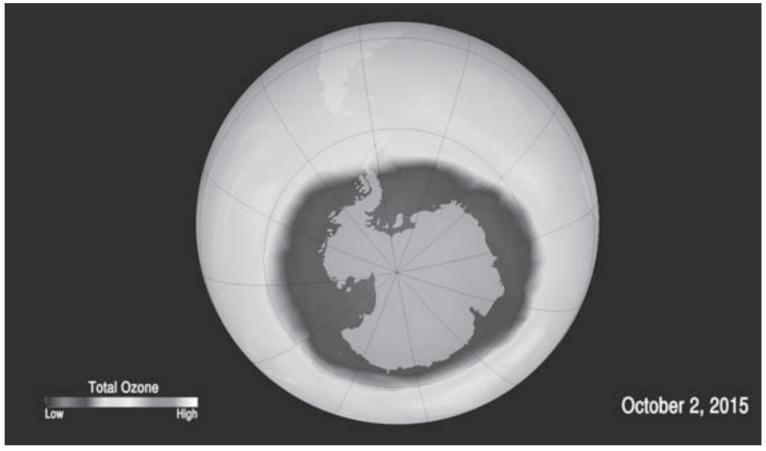
Paul Newman, chief scientist for earth sciences at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, said prolonged wintertime conditions in the

sisting longer than usual, and that unusually weak vertical energy flows were among major contributors the air.

cans released chlorine and bromine that destroyed ozone molecules high in that goal.

"There is no need for undue alarm because we are on a course to recovery, but

Antarctic region were per- as refrigerants and aerosol the overall trend toward NASA's Newman said the particularly strong El Nino this year was "the first thing that comes to your mind" but added there was no



This image provided by NOAA shows the ozone hole.

hole. The stratospheric ozone layer, which sits some 25 kilometers (18 miles) high and protects against harmful UV rays, is different from the ground level ozone that is a harmful pollutant. The ozone layer had been thinning since the late 1970s because man-made chlorofluorocarbons often used

to the exceptionally large A widely hailed international accord in 1987 to phase out use of ozone-depleting chemicals has underpinned hopes for recovery of stratospheric ozone worldwide by 2070. WMO and NASA say the hole had been leveling off and even shrinking a bit, and hope this year's one-off expansion of the ozone hole will have little to no impact on

we have not observed it yet," said WMO scientist Geir Braathen, who wrote the bulletin. "CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), they have a long life in the atmosphere ... many, many decades. It takes a long time for these molecules to get out of the atmosphere."

"We are suffering now from the sins of the past," he added.

evidence yet of any connection between that and the larger ozone hole, and scientists will need time to explore the possible causes. He also said NASA model simulations have generally turned up very little effect on the Antarctic ozone hole from climate change and an increase in heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

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Memoir by Senate Majority Leader McConnell coming in May

HILLEL ITALIE AP National Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mc-Connell has a book deal. The Kentucky Republican's memoir "The Long Game" will be released in May, Sentinel told The Associat-

ed Press.

According to the publisher, a conservative imprint of Penguin Random House, McConnell will address "controversial issues" involving himself and both parties, whether tea party Republicans who have accused him of being too willing to compromise or such leading Democrats as President Barack Obama and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

McConnell, 73, was first elected to the Senate in 1984 and is regarded as one of Washington's shrewdest politicians. In a statement issued through Sentinel, he described his book as a defense and

"more optimistic view" of the Senate.

"At a moment of widespread anxiety and distrust about our political institutions, I thought it was important for someone who believes in the wisdom and durability of our system to offer a longer, more optimistic view, to share the lessons and experiences that would help others better understand and appreciate the Senate and what happens here behind the scenes from day to day," he said.

"It's a unique and indispensable institution. I'd like to help others see why." Financial terms were not disclosed. McConnell was represented by Robert Barnett, a Washington attorney whose clients have included Obama, Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Marco



In this Sept. 16, 2015 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell of Ky. speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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"This will be a candid memoir of Sen. McConnell's entire life and career, from his statement. "It will fascinate childhood battle with polio to the most recent dramas

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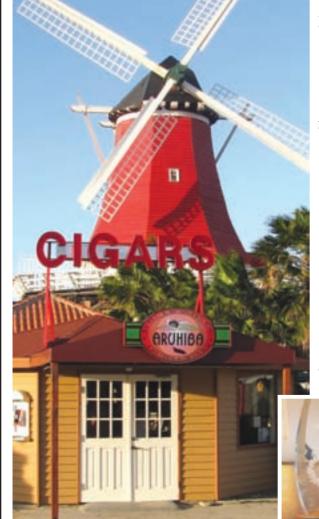


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'Burnt,' 'Crisis,' add to a pile-up a flops at box office

JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sandra Bullock's political satire "Our Brand Is Crisis" and Bradley Cooper's chef drama "Burnt" added to a pileup of flops at the box office, where new wide releases have gone a startling 0-for-9 in the last two weeks.

After five movies failed to draw moviegoers last week, Hollywood whiffed again over the Halloween weekend as four new movies went largely ignored in favor of trick-or-treating. The "60 Minutes II" scandal drama "Truth," with Cate Blanchett and Robert Redford, expanding nationwide, and the horror comedy "Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse" added to a plague of empty theaters.

That enabled the top three films from the last several weeks — "The Martian," "Goosebumps" and "Bridge of Spies" — to remain atop the ranks, according to studio estimates Sunday. With an estimated \$11 million in its fifth weekend, Ridley Scott's 3-D space adventure "The Martian" has hauled in \$180.8 million domestically, and led the box office four times — a dominating stretch that has spelled trouble for other releases courting adult moviegoers. The weekend was never



This photo provided by Warner Bros. Pictures shows, Ann Dowd, from left, as Nell, Sandra Bullock as Jane and Reynaldo Pacheco as Eddie, in Warner Bros. Pictures and Participant Media's satirical comedy "Our Brand Is Crisis," a Warner Bros. Pictures release. The movie opens in U.S. theaters on Oct. 30.

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meant to be a big one at theaters with Halloween falling on a Saturday and the latest James Bond film, "Spectre" (and follow-up to the \$1.1 billion "Skyfall") awaiting release in the coming week. Sony's "Spectre," which has opened in a few international markets, scored the biggest U.K. debut ever with \$63.8 million over the weekend.

But the box office numbers in North America were still especially low.

The Weinstein Co.'s "Burnt" took in \$5 million despite playing on more than 3,000 screens. "Our Brand Is Crisis," David Gordon Green's true tale of political strategists in Bolivia, managed a scant \$3.4 million on 2,202 screens for Warner Bros. Though made for a modest \$28 million, the film's opening marks the worst widerelease debut of a movie headlined by Bullock, even falling below the \$4.7 million of "Two if by Sea" in 1996.

Sony Pictures Classics "Truth," which recounts CBS's reporting on President George W. Bush's military service, expanded to 1,120 theaters, but couldn't

even crack \$1 million. It earned just \$901,000.

Pictures' Paramount "Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse" grossed just \$1.8 million on 1,509 screens. Paramount is experimenting with a shortened theatrical window for the film, along with the recently opened "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension."

Thus far, the trial has yielded mixed results. Major theater chains aside from AMC and Cineplex have refused to play the films, which will be made available digitally 17 days after they leave theaters.

The four flops added to five from last week, when "Steve Jobs," ''Jem and the Holograms," "Rock the Kasbah," "The Last Witch Hunter" and "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" all failed to crack \$11 million.

"Next week, the whole complexion of this will change," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office data firm Rentrak. "But I think this is a really good lesson learned for Hollywood that if you have too much product — particularly aimed at older audiences — you're going to fragment the audience to the point where a lot of movies are going to become casualties of that crowded marketplace."

The two weeks of debuts have also been populated mainly by poorly reviewed movies with the exception of the acclaimed but much criticized "Steve Jobs." Instead, the October success are mostly movies roundly considered good, made by veteran directors: Scott's "The Martian" and Steven Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included.

Tax breaks produce surge for film industry in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Legislation signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown last year that offered more generous state tax incentives for film and TV production is being credited for a spike in the number of location shoots across Los Angeles. The local industry is also getting a boost from Hol- The law signed by Brown lywood newcomers includina Amazon, Netflix and Hulu as they increasingly produce original programming, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

There were 2,057 shooting

shows filmed on location in the Los Angeles region for the three months that ended Sept. 30. That's a 54 percent increase from the same period last year, the newspaper said, citing data from industry tracker

in Sept. 2014 more than tripled California's tax credit to \$330 million a year for films and TV shows produced in California.

Behind-the-scenes businesses like caterers, lum- Chef Robert catering com-

days for scripted television beryards and equipment vendors say they are hiring more workers, expanding offices and buying new equipment in response to the uptick in local production. Unions representing crew members say they are operating at or near full employment and are adding new members to meet the demand, according to the Times.

> "We've never been this busy in California in the 17 years since we opened," said Robert Lamkin, whose

pany services film and TV sets.

Seven of his eight food trucks are working out of Los Angeles. That's a big switch from a few years ago, when the majority of Lamkin's fleet was in Detroit, Chicago, Boston, New Orleans and other cities had moved to take advantage of tax breaks.

A revival of these small businesses is a positive sign for LA's overall economy. The entertainment industry employs about 250,000

people and contributes nearly \$60 billion in goods and services annually, or roughly 10 percent of the county's gross product, said Robert Kleinhenz, chief economist of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

"This is an industry that inwhere production crews creases the size of the economic pie here in the region, so to have more activity come back to Los Angeles will have a ripple effect on businesses large and small," he told the

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